

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 and 28 are pending in the Application. Claim 27 was previously canceled. Claims 1 and 19 are the only independent claims.

Claim 19 is objected to due to a minor informality with the words “capable of” being used within the claim.

Claims 1-21, 23-26, and 28 are rejected to under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to a non-statutory subject matter because the claimed invention is not limited to a practical application.

Claims 1-26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daly (USP 5748896) in view of Barkley (USP 6202066) and Lewis (USP 6421719).

Objection to Claim 19

Claim 19 is objected to due to a minor informality with the words “capable of” being used within the claim.

Claim 19 has been amended such that the words “capable of” have been omitted.

Therefore, Applicant submits that the objection of Claims 19 has now been overcome and respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-21, 23-26, and 28 Under 35 U.S.C. 101:

Claims 1-21, 23-26, and 28 are rejected to under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to a non-statutory subject matter because the claimed invention is not limited to a practical application.

Examiner states that the claimed invention does not provide a useful, concrete, and tangible result, or "post solution activity." In response, Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to more fully state the tangible results of the invention.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite:

A method of managing a telecommunications network, comprising:

- generating a plurality of user profiles each providing a network management access to a user, each user profile defining network management capabilities assigned to a respective user for configuring one or more network devices;

- generating a group access level for various management capabilities, wherein a level has a group name with an associated list of network devices;

- listing the network devices and/or the group name capable of being managed through the user profiles;

- utilizing at least one of said user profiles to physically and logically configure one or more of said network devices within a scope of that profile, ***wherein at least one of enabling a network device port on the network device or provisioning a network path on a network device port is conducted;*** and

- displaying a graphical user interface in accordance with the user profile, wherein the graphical user interface comprises a user-specific customized view with predefined network management capabilities, user-specific fields in the listing of network devices, and a custom presentation format.

Claim 19 has been amended to recite:

A method of managing a telecommunications network, comprising:

- adding a user profile to a network management system comprising network devices;

- editing parameters within the user profile to establish management capabilities assigned to one or more users associated with said user profile for physically and logically configuring one or more of said network devices;

- assigning a group access level for various management capabilities, wherein a level has a group name with an associated list of network devices; and

listing the network devices and/or the group name being managed through the user profile, ***wherein at least one of enabling a network device port on the network device or provisioning a network path on a network device port is conducted;*** and

displaying a graphical user interface in accordance with the user profile, wherein the graphical user interface comprises a user-specific customized view with predefined network management capabilities, user-specific fields in the listing of network devices, and a custom presentation format.

These amendments are fully supported in the Specification, Drawings, and Claims of the Application and no new matter has been added.

Thus, Claims 1 and 19 now more clearly define the tangible result of the invention.

Therefore, Applicant submits that the rejection of Claims 1-21, 23-26, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 101 has now been overcome and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-26, and 28 Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Daly, Barkley, and Lewis:

Claims 1-26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daly (USP 5748896) in view of Barkley (USP 6202066) and Lewis (USP 6202066).

Claim 1 has been amended to recite:

A method of managing a telecommunications network, comprising:

generating a plurality of user profiles each providing a network management access to a user, each user profile defining network management capabilities assigned to a respective user for configuring one or more network devices;

generating a group access level for various management capabilities, wherein a level has a group name with an associated list of network devices;

listing the network devices and/or the group name capable of being managed through the user profiles;

utilizing at least one of said user profiles to physically and logically configure one or more of said network devices within a scope of that profile, wherein at least one of enabling a network device port on the network device or provisioning a network path on a network device port is conducted; and

displaying a graphical user interface in accordance with the user profile, wherein the graphical user interface comprises a user-specific customized view with predefined network management capabilities, user-specific fields in the listing of network devices, and a custom presentation format.

Claim 19 has been amended to now include

A method of managing a telecommunications network, comprising:

adding a user profile to a network management system comprising network devices;

editing parameters within the user profile to establish management capabilities assigned to one or more users associated with said user profile for physically and logically configuring one or more of said network devices;

assigning a group access level for various management capabilities, wherein a level has a group name with an associated list of network devices; and

listing the network devices and/or the group name being managed through the user profile, wherein at least one of enabling a network device port on the network device or provisioning a network path on a network device port is conducted; and

displaying a graphical user interface in accordance with the user profile, wherein the graphical user interface comprises a user-specific customized view with predefined network management capabilities, user-specific fields in the listing of network devices, and a custom presentation format.

These amendments are fully supported in the Specification, Drawings, and Claims of the Application and no new matter has been added.

Applicants of the present invention disclose a method of managing a telecommunications network, comprising, *inter alia*, ***displaying a graphical user interface in accordance with the user profile, wherein the graphical user interface***

comprises a user-specific customized view with predefined network management capabilities, user-specific fields in the listing of network devices, and a custom presentation format.

Such a method is not taught or suggested by Daly, nor is this deficiency of Daly remedied by either Barkley or Lewis. In regard to the custom presentation format, for example, even two users with access to the same network devices, and having the same management capabilities, may have different graphical user interface customizations through their profiles.

Therefore, Applicant submits that the rejection of Claims 1-26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daly in view of Barkley and Lewis has now been overcome and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

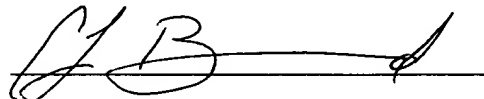
Applicants' attorneys wish to thank the Examiner for the informal telephone interview on Monday, November 12, 2006 in which the above mentioned items were discussed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants would like to thank Examiner for the attention and consideration accorded the present Application. Should Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place the Application in condition for allowance, Examiner is encouraged to contact undersigned Counsel at the telephone number, facsimile number, address, or email address provided below. It is not believed that any fees for additional claims, extensions of time, or the like are required beyond those that may otherwise be indicated in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if such additional fees are required, Examiner is encouraged to notify undersigned Counsel at Examiner's earliest convenience.

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